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In re Application of:

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For: COMPOSITE COMPONENT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a Japanese Search Report bearing a mailing date of June 22, 1999, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that this reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,
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